

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 488 – SB 575

April 2, 2013

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Requires the Department of Children's Services to include a list of the number of children in foster care in each county in its annual report on foster care in Tennessee.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006185): Deletes all language after the enacting clause. In a determination to commit or retain a child in Department of Children's Services (DCS) custody, prohibits a parent from being required to obtain employment, if the parent has sufficient resources from other means to care for the child, or to provide a separate bedroom for a child, unless there are specific safety or medical reasons that would make placement of the child with another child unsafe, to show that continuing or restoring custody with the parent is in the best interest of the child. A permanency plan is prohibited from requiring the parent to obtain employment if such parent has sufficient resources from other means to care for the child and from requiring the parent to provide the child with the child's own bedroom unless specific safety or medical reasons exist that would make bedroom placement of the child with another child unsafe.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- It is estimated that the determination will not significantly increase or decrease the number of children in DCS custody and that the fiscal impact of the bill on DCS will be not significant.

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- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the bill will not significantly impact judicial caseloads or proceedings and any increase in expenditures can be accommodated within existing judicial resources.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Lucian" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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